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Copy of letter from the High Commissioner for India, Education Department, No.21229, dated 5-3-1947, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Edn., & P.H. Departme Fort St. George, Madras.

Sub: Speed in school building.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.4662-B1-47-2, Edn., dated the 25th January 1947 and to forward herewith a copy of the pamphlet issued by the Ministry of Education - REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SITES AND BUILDINGS PRICE [illegible].

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Secretary, Edn., Deptt.

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Copy of letter from No.R.O.C.No.630-G3/47 dated 4-4-1948, from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, addressed to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, Edn,, & P.H. Deptt., Madras.

Sub: Selection of sites and construction of buildings for educational institution - suggestions for expediting the whole procedure.

Ref: Government Memorandum No.4662/47-B1/[illegible]-3, Education, dated 9th April, 1947.

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With reference to the Memorandum quoted above, I have th honour to state that the present arrangements in respectof selection of sites and construction of buildings for educational institutions under the various management are as follows:-

(i) Educational institutions under the managements of Govt:- So far as Government Educational institutions are concerned, there are no special arrangements for the selection of sites nor any uniform procedure has been laid down for this purpose. Usually, before selecting the site, the Inspecting Officers will consider the suitability of the same with reference to the general instructions contained in the Grant-in-Aid Code (Appendix LL).

As regards the construction of buildings, the existing procedure is, that after selecting the site for the construction, preliminary plans and approximate, estimate, as per the requirements furnished by this Department, will be prepared by the P.W.D. These plans and estimate will be submitted to Government for their administrative approval and sanction of expenditure. If the schem is approved by Government the P.W.D. will after completing the preliminaries, such as preparing the detailed plans and estimates calling for tenders etc. carry out the work.

There are type-designs for secondary schools, and usually these designs are adopted in the case of secondary school with necessary modification, according to local requirements.

(ii) Educational Institutions under the management of Local Bodie

So far as Secondary schools under local bodies are concerned, it is submitted that with regard to selection of sites the managements themselves select the sites in consultation with the Inspecting Officers and with reference to the general instructions in the Grant-in-Aid Code (Appendix LL) and the sites are them approved by the P.W.D.

As far the construction of buildings, the procedure is the same as for Government institutions except that while the P.W.D. thatprepares plans and estimates in the case of Government institutions, the Engineering staff of the respective local bodies. The Director accords administrative approval, in consultation with the Consulting Architect to Government to both the plans and estimates where the expenditure is met either fully or partly from the Local Body funds. But where the expenditure is met from Public donations and subscriptions the Director accords approval ONLY TO THE PLANS and the Consulting Architect to Government, is not consulted in such cases. prepares plans and estimates in the case of local bodies

The usual approved type designs for Secondary schools and generally adopted in respect of local Board institutions also, with necessary modifications according to the requirements of each case.

(iii) So far as Secondary schools under aided managements are concerned, the Inspecting Officers see that the sites selected by the management are suitable from the education point of view with reference to the instructions contained in Appendix LL of the Grant-in-Aid Code and that no change appears necessary.

As regards the construction of buildings for aided Secondary Schools the existing procedure is as follows:-

There are approved type designs for secondary schools and these designs are usually adopted with necessary modification according to the requirements. If the entire cost of construction is borne by the management, approval of plan is accorded from and education point of view.

In respect of schemes for aid, on receipt of detailed plans and estimates prepared by qualified engineers, they are sent to the Consulting Architect for Scrutiny on the suitability of the design and the reasonableness of the estimate from a technical point of view. On the recommendation of the Consulting Architect the scheme is then placed on the list of approved works for purposes of grant and the management informed of the same. When the total estimate exceeds Rs.10,000/- open tenders for the construction of are called for and opened in the presence of the inspecting officers. The schemes are required to be completed within a period of 3 years. But as the point raised for consideration is whether th re is any scope for quickening the process. This seems to be a matter more for the P.W.D. Authorities.

to send detailed plans and estimates for scrutiny by the Consulting Architect to Government. After the plans and estimates are approved by the Consulting Architect, the scheme is placed on the approved list and the managements are permitted to proceed with the construction and claim the grant after the buildings are completed. Any delay in this regard is caused only in regard to the actual construction of the buildings for want of materials, on account of the financial difficulties of the managements etc. It is not therefore possible to offer any suggestions for expediting the process.

In the case of elementary schools under local bodies, the site is selected by the local body concerned in consultation with the Inspecting Officers and approved by the Director. The plans and estimates for the construction of buildings, prepared by the Engineer of the local body is approved by the Director in consultation with the Consulting Architect to Government. Where the payment of a grant from Provincial funds is involved, the actual work of construction is commenced only after obtaining the orders of Government, promising the grant.

As regards suggestions for expediting the whole process, I have to state as follows:-

(i) SELECTION AND ACQUISITION OF SITES:-

As already pointed out no uniform procedure is followed in this respect and the delay is entirely due to the procedure prescribed by the Board of Revenue. The question of simplifying the procedure is a matter for the Revenue Department. So far as Education Department is concerned there is no delay in this respect. As soon as an application for the purchase of acquisition of a site is received, the local Inspecting Officers inspect the site and report in the suitability or otherwise. This is usually done within a few weeks. When it is a question of acquisition, the necessity for acquiring the site is reported to the Revenue Department. Beyond this, the department can do nothing. If Government order that all available and suitable sites should be reserved for the use of educational institutions, either for the construction of buildings or for use as playgrounds it may help to avoid delay.

(ii) Construction of Buildings:

So far as the Government institutions are concerned, the matter of construction of building is entirely left to the P.W.D. Government may therefore consult the Chief Engineer how best to expedite the construction.

As regards other institutions, in the matter of administrative sanction there is very little delay. If a type design is adopted, the approval is given almost immediately, where no subsidy or grant is required. In other cases, the opinion of the Consulting Architect to Government is obtained before, sanction is accorded. The procedure adopted by this Office is very simple. When the plans and estimate are received, they are sent to the Consulting Architect to Government u.o. to avoid delay. When they are approved by him, the schemes are submitted to Government for sanction. But the actual carrying out of the work is left to the managements. The Department has no means of controlling the actual time taken for the construction of buildings, though a time-limit is always fixed by the Department for the completion of the work.

There are only few type designs at present. If there were more types and cheaper types, the delay in the scrutiny by the Consulting Architect to Government may be minimised.

It may therefore be seen that there is no avoidable delay, so far as this department is concerned, The actual time taken in according departmental sanction is very small compared with the time taken over the construction of the building. In regard to the approval and acquisition of sites it is done very promptly. and there is no question of delay at all.

In this connection, some of the suggestions of the Committee on School sites and Buildings procedure, London, Recommendations 7 to 9 and 14 - may be considered by Govt

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&c Copy of letter No.211 Wks/47-7, dated 5th June 1948, from the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(General), Madras, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

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Sub: Government - construction of Buildings - Expedition process - Provision of more cheaper type designs.

Ref: Government Memo.No.4662-B1/47-8, Education, dated 5-3-48

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I invite attention to G.O.No.336, P.W., dated 6-2-1947 wherein the Government have constituted a Committee to suggest cheaper designs in place of the existing type designs for certain buildings. Cheaper type designs have been called for by Government in respect of the following buildings

(1) School Buildings (Elementary & Secondary)
(2) Arts College Buildings and
(3) Hostels for School buildings and Colleges.

It is reported by the Secretary, Building Designs Committee that revised cheap designs for school buildings (Elementary and Secondary) were submitted by the Committee to Government and that they have approved of them with certain modifications and that these modifications are being embodied in the designs which will be submitted to Government for final approval and issue as type-design

Regarding cheap designs for Arts Colleges and Hostels for School buildings and Colleges, he has stated that cheap designs for the former are under consideration of the Committee and that cheap designs for the latter have been settled by the Committee and that the drawings are under preparation.

2. In this connection, I also invite attention to my U.O. Note No.7425 Wks/46-2, dated 30-4-1947 regarding the execution of their works by the Education Department through contractors.

NOTE FILE.

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Please see the note of P.W.D. on pages 7-8 abc

The file deals with the question of expediting the whole process of construction of buildings for the Education Department. The question as to how the delay in the acquisition of lands for construction ofbuildings is under the consideration of the Revenue Department. In regard to the procedure now adopted by the Education Department for the construction of buildings for aided educational institutions, the D.P.I. has stated that there is no delay and that the delay may be avoided to some extent if there are more cheap designs. The Chief Engineer has reported that revised cheap designs prepared by the Buildings Designs Committee have been approved by Government with certain modifications and they will be submitted to Government for approval in due course after embodying the modifications. In regard to the expedition of construction of buildings for Government Educational institutions, it is submitted that the question was already examined by P.W.D. at the instance of H.M.(Education) and the papers have been recorded in G.O.No.2396, P.W., dated 5-7-1948 - vide the notes of P.W.D. on pages 19-27 n.f. of the G.O. referred to above. In the circumstances, no further action is necessary in this file. The papers may be recorded.

sd. M.V.S.,
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